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Afghan Law Schools Improve Legal Education and Services

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | JULY 30, 2011 — Recent achievements made by Afghanistan's law schools will result in the improved quality of legal education for professors and students, as well as the increased caliber of legal services provided to the Afghan people. These achievements include the publication of an "Inheritance Law" textbook written by Professor Abdul Aziz Aziz, Supreme Court High Council member, as well as the Kabul law faculty's "Huqooq" journal, and the shari'a faculty's "Shariat" journal. These publications will serve as important resources for judges and attorneys in deciding and arguing court cases, while also helping professors instruct students on the law in Afghanistan.

U.S. Ambassador Hans G. Klemm, the coordinating director for rule of law and law enforcement, emphasized the United States Government's commitment to improving the rule of law and the justice sector in Afghanistan. In pledging to fund the establishment of legal clinics at several universities, he remarked, "Your achievements represent progress that will benefit not only the deans, professors, instructors, and students of the country's law and shari'a faculties, but will also impact the Afghan citizens who access the justice system each year by providing highly trained and educated young judges and lawyers to deliver effective justice to the people."

Deputy Minister for Academic Affairs at the Ministry of Higher Education Mohammad Osman Babury commended the efforts of Kabul University in establishing a credit system, as well as the country's shari'a faculties on developing a unified shari'a curriculum. All of these developments will help pave the way for future generations of Afghan scholars to obtain international credentials, and for Afghanistan's law and shari'a faculties to reach international academic standards.

Helping to facilitate this event, USAID's Rule of Law Stabilization Program – Formal Component, is designed to develop the human and institutional capacity of the justice sector, increase the public's access to justice, particularly women, and promote the public's demand for a robust rule of law environment in Afghanistan.

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